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Transmitted herewith for filing is a **C-I-P** patent application of Eric Zimmermann
FOR: PORTAL COVERING DEVICE HAVING A HANDLE DRIVE MECHANISM

[] The Application is a: [] Continuation [] Divisional [X] Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
And Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120 for the following:
prior application No.: 09/896,744 filed on June 29, 2001
Examiner: G. Strimbu Group Art Unit: 3634
prior application No.: PCT/US02/20917 Filed on July 1, 2002
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ENCLOSED ARE:

- [X] 13 sheet(s) of formal drawing(s)
[] sheet(s) of informal drawing(s)
[] an Assignment of the invention, with required cover sheet, to
[X] SPECIFICATION, CLAIMS, ABSTRACT

CLAIMS AS FILED

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- [X] Applicant claims Small Entity status.
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